

#### **Ninilchik Traditional Council**

The Ninilchik Traditional Council traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area.

Tribal boundaries extend from South of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mt. Redoubt.

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The NTC
Offices
will be
CLOSED
Wednesday,
October 18,
2006
For
Alaska



Day!

### **Elders Luncheon For October!**

**Attention Tribal Elders!** 

Come join Anna Grant every 3rd Wednesday of the month for a fabulous luncheon!

The Elders Outreach Program will be holding it's monthly luncheon for October (October 18th) at the Ninilchik Traditional Council's Subsistence Building starting at 12:00 p.m. Come join in! For more information, please call Anna Grant at 567-3370.

### **Regular Council Meeting**

**Open to all Tribal Members!** 

The next Regular Council Meeting has been scheduled for: Monday

October 16th, 2006 at 10:00 am.

The meeting will be held in the Conference room in the main admin office, located across the street from the Ninilchik General Store.

Come join us for lots of food, information and a door prize of \$100.00! Call 567-3313 for more information.

# ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

See page 7 of this newsletter for the 2006 NTC Election Information!

Don't miss reading the information regarding our upcoming election.

Thank you!



#### **NTC Environmental Office**

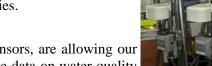
#### Bruce Oskolkoff Environmental Program Director ~ bruce@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov



As a part of our environmental program objectives for this fiscal year, our program has taken on two very new and exciting programs which focus on establishing base-line data collection and the development of base-line data collection plans - for both Air Quality Assessments here in Ninilchik, and as well for Water Quality Assessments in some of our local rivers and streams on the Kenai Peninsula.

This summer, the environmental staff at NTC have had an opportunity to begin deployment of critical water quality monitoring equipment into the waters of Ninilchik River, Deep Creek River, Silver Salmon Creek, the Chakok River, and the Stariski Creek

waterways here on the Kenai Peninsula within our Tribal boundaries.



The deployment of these critical monitoring and data logging sensors, are allowing our Tribe to begin the anticipated four-year process to collect accurate data on water quality

> parameters such as temperature, flow rates and turbidity, ph, and other water quality and habitat support criteria which we know are crucial to the support of fish species in local area anadromous rivers and streams.

> Grant funding from the EPA has provided the financial support for these efforts, and it is hoped that these assessment programs will help the Tribe to take on a lead role in the study, inventory and assessment of the current and future quality of our air and waters within Tribal boundaries.

Our own water quality testing and monitoring results will begin to be compiled starting this winter - once field season data is fully downloaded and entered into computer software programs such as the Water Quality RMT (Rivers Management Tool) Software, and software utilized and approved by the EPA for statistical reporting.

Over the past five years, our preliminary sampling results and other monitoring agency reports, indicate an increasing number of monitored sites on the Kenai Peninsula and Cook Inlet Watershed basin have shown temperature measurements which exceed the State of Alaska's temperature standards for water quality in salmon streams. These increasing temperature findings are a cause for serious concern, as exceedances at these levels have the

potential to seriously impact spawning and rearing areas, egg and fry incubation, and the overall health of migration routes for salmon and

iuvenile salmon in our area waters.



Our efforts over the next four years, combined with the already abundant historical knowledge and field studies being conducted by

the EPA, the State of Alaska ADEC, the Inlet Keeper, Homer Soil & Water and other contributing partners, should form a well concerted effort to identify and study these paramount environmental issues. Findings are then expected to be utilized to form strategies and action plans that can be used to pursue possible remedial actions.

Our Air Monitoring Program for base-line data acquisition will begin this upcoming spring, following review and approval of our required Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) expected to be finalized through this winter.

#### NINILCHIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ivan Encelewski

Executive Director

**Low Income Senior Housing Project~** The brand new six unit Low Income Senior Housing facility is getting closer to completion. This is an absolutely beautiful opportunity for the Tribe and community to have such a wonderful facility. As we begin to finish this project we are entering the final stages of the grant and contract completion. One final requirement which we need your assistance with is on a referendum vote on this upcoming election. As you are aware, NTC has received a grant from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and the Denali Commission to complete NTC's Low Income Senior Housing Project, with the understanding that in addition to the grant, NTC would also be receiving an interim and final mortgage loan of approximately \$300,000 from First National Bank Alaska (FNBA) and/or AHFC. This loan requirement was a condition of the original AHFC grant application with the inclusion of a bare minimal interest rate on a portion of the loan. Whatever is borrowed from the loan will be reimbursed by mortgage/rent monies collected from the renters. The total project cost is approximately 1.2 million dollars of which a large majority has been grant funded with a rather small loan required to complete the project. The waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity for any issue must be approved by a vote of the voting members and NTC is referring the issue to the membership for their approval so that this project can be completed as planned. The issue of waiving the Tribe's sovereign immunity specifically for all loan agreements and terms/conditions of borrowing money from FNBA and/or AHFC to complete the current low income housing project has been placed on the November 13, 2006 NTC election ballot. It is imperative that you vote YES on the referendum vote to waive sovereign immunity only and specifically for the minimal loan agreement with the bank that will be paid back through rental monies, especially considering this is a 1.2 million dollar facility and actually is worth much more due to cost savings and early material acquisition.





These units come with a heated garage, paved parking, landscaped outdoors, state of the art construction, washer/dryers, dishwashers, one unit will be hearing and visual impaired capable, and one unit will be fully handicapped equipped!

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Firewood Available The Ninilchik Traditional Council recently received approximately ten (10) cords of split dry spruce thanks to Alvin Steik and his hard work. The wood has been placed on the south side of the main NTC office across from the general store. This wood is available for Tribal members to come and get a pickup load in order to help for a short time this fall as your wood cutting adventures begin. There is a limited supply and this wood is on a first come first serve basis. We ask that you respect others who are in need of wood and only take a limited amount so as to spread the wood around to other members who need it as well. We are hopeful that we can continue this type of service through BIA funded fire grants. Again, please keep in mind those elders who need wood and don't have a truck to pick it up.



Constitutional Amendment B Election Issue On this year's annual election ballot along with the referendum issue I discussed earlier, there will be a vote on amending the constitution in regards to minimum character standards for Council members. This is also a vital and crucial election decision that will ensure that we are in compliance with Federal law. Under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, it sets forth minimum standards of characters for those who have contact or control over child welfare issues. (See 25 CFR Part 63, Subpart B) As a NTC Council member there are times when Indian Child Welfare Act cases are brought before the board for decisions regarding the best interest of children and recommendations for placement and areas of collaborative work with the Office of Children's Service. A YES vote is necessary for the protection of children. Thank You.

Ivan Z. Encelewski

NTC Executive Director

#### **NTC Housing Programs**

Bob Crosby, Housing Director ~ bob@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov Danielle Self, Housing Assistant ~ dself@ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov



After I die, burn all my material wealth.

The only thing of true value to pass to future generations is a trail, a song and a story. Iizin Ta. 1876-1945~ Last traditional chief of Batzunletas in the Ahtna Region

Hello Tribal Members,

At this last month's Regular Council Meeting, the Council voted to raise the current Modification/Rehabilitation Programs assistance limit from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for work done on your primary homes. For those of you with modular homes the limit rose from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. These changes were primarily made due to the rising cost of building materials, but also because we have seen a sharp decline in the amount of contractors willing to submit bids on our Rehab projects. This is a problem that has forced us to re-advertise projects more than once and sometimes with the same end results. We were also seeing a decline in the amount of bids we were receiving, along with the amount of work that the contractors were willing to do for \$20,000. This was forcing us to accept that contractors would do some of the work and then they would buy and supply materials for applicants to do their own work with. While this may sound like a great idea for stretching the programs dollars and possibly be able to implement into our Rehab programs, it was forcing the homeowner to do work on their homes that they may not have been qualified to do, or even physically able to do. I might also add that most sweat-equity programs do have an onsite supervisor to oversee the projects and ensure that all the work is done safely, properly and ensure that all materials are used.

I would like to take this moment to tell you that we have just received the State Heating Assistance applications. If you are within their median income limits and foresee needing help with your heating this winter, you should either come by our office and pick up an application or go online and download one. A quick outline of their Median Income limits are: (before taxes) 1 person \$1,531, 2 people \$2,063, 3 person \$2,594, 4 person \$3,125. If you would like to see more information you may go to the States website at: <a href="http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/hap/">http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/hap/</a> where you can read the details and download the application. We also have the State Heating Application posted on our Housing Programs web page for your convenience as well at www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov

NTC's Procurement Officer, Debra Henderson, reminded me that I forgot to mention the Snow Removal program in last month's newsletter. So sorry... I guess you could say I have been in a state of denial after the wonderful wet summer we've had. But Debra is right and as you can see the snowline is moving down the mountains a little bit more every week. So here goes. If you are an Alaskan Native or American Indian, age 62 or older, or have been determined disabled by the Social Security Administration, and you live south of the Kasilof Bridge and within our income limits, you can have your driveway plowed through the winter after we verify your information. Limit for the Plowing Assistance is \$700.00 per winter per household.

If you're interested in any of our programs mentioned in this news article, you may either go to our website and download the applications or drop by the NTC office and pick one up.

Well time to go, I want to wish you all the best hope, keep your water wings handy and have a wonderful and safe Halloween.

Until next month,

Bob Crosby and Danielle Self ~ Your Housing Staff ©

# **News and Information**



Ninilchik Traditional Council's
Child Care Program Is
Sponsoring
PRESCHOOL SWIM!
Every Friday at the
Ninilchik School Swimming Pool
From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ages 0 - 5 Welcome!
Come and Swim with us!



The Ninilchik Group of Alcoholic Anonymous holds open AA meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

The meetings are of one hour duration and are held at the Ninilchik United Methodist Church, which is right next door to the Ninilchik School.

**Contact numbers:** 

Lorita 567 - 3828

Larry 567-3574

## Website of the Month:

Please pass around this info, especially that the
Ninilchik families book, Agrafena's Children, has recently been republished at a
lower price than when
it was first published in 1993.

Orders can be placed at the online Ninilchik Bookstore:

http://www.lulu.com/ninilchik

# **NTC 2006 Election Information**

# 2006 NOVEMBER ELECTION NOTICE & ANNUAL MEETING DATE November 13, 2006 NTC Election - Day Deadline to receive mailed ballots November 18, 2006 Annual Meeting Day

The 2006 NTC Election date has been set as November 13, 2006 (per the Constitution of the Ninilchik Tribe, this is the deadline for ballots to be received, and no late ballots can be accepted). The purpose is to elect one (1) Council member for a three-year term, to elect two (2) Tribal Court Judges for three-year terms, to vote on a Constitutional Amendment issue, and to vote on a referendum issue as described as follows. NTC has received a grant from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and the Denali Commission to complete NTC's Low Income Senior Housing Project, with the understanding that in addition to the grant, NTC would also be receiving an interim and final mortgage loan of approximately \$300,000 from First National Bank Alaska (FNBA) and/or AHFC. This loan requirement was a condition of the original AHFC grant application with the inclusion of a bare minimal interest rate on a portion of the loan. Whatever is borrowed from the loan will be reimbursed by mortgage/rent monies collected from the renters. The total project cost is approximately 1.2 million dollars of which a large majority has been grant funded with a rather small loan required to complete the project. The waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity for any issue must be approved by a vote of the voting members and NTC is referring the issue to the membership for their approval so that this project can be completed as planned. The issue of waiving the Tribe's sovereign immunity specifically for all loan agreements and terms/conditions of borrowing money from FNBA and/or AHFC to complete the current low income housing project has been placed on the November 13, 2006 NTC election ballot The election is conducted by mail and there will be no polling place open for in-person voting on Election Day. Only those persons who registered to vote by September 22, 2006 will be eligible to vote in the November 13<sup>th</sup> Election. A specific notice of election will be mailed to each registered voter. In order to run for a Council seat, registered voter's must reside within the Ninilchik Traditional Council's Tribal Boundaries. A declaration of candidacy will be mailed on October 9, 2006 along with the notice of election to each registered voter who resides with the Ninilchik Traditional Council's Tribal Boundaries. No voter seeking election shall be placed upon the ballot if such voter has been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony offense or any offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude within five (5) years of the date of the election. Please keep in mind that October 19, 2006 will be the last day to submit the declaration of candidacy forms. Ballots will be mailed on October 24, 2006. Any registered voter who does not receive a ballot by mail may request such a ballot in person, by phone, telefax, or mail at the Ninilchik Traditional Council Tribal Services Office. All ballots must be received by or on November 13, 2006. You must mail your ballot in plenty of time to ensure that it is received in the post office by or on Election Day. There is no postmarking deadline, ballots must be received in the Election Committee's Anchor Point post office box by or on Election Day. All Council members are subject to background investigation and Drug Free Certification. These are required because the Ninilchik Traditional Council administers programs with federal money, which mandates that the Tribe comply with mandatory background checks and drug-free certifications. Council members will, at times, have control or work directly with children and child custody issues. As a result, the Indian Child Welfare Act program, that the Tribe administers, requires copies of background checks. Council members will also be subjected to Drug & Alcohol testing in accordance with the Ninilchik Traditional Council's Anti Drug and Alcohol Plan, in order to comply with appropriate Federal requirements. Please watch for further information regarding the 2006 NTC November Election. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming election, please contact Chris @ 567-3313.

<u>Alaska Comfort Accommodations</u> — Open all year. Affordable Rates. P.O. Box 39313, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone and Fax: (907) 567-3211. E-Mail: offbjea@yahoo.com

<u>Alaska Ivory Creations</u> — Gene Steik. (907) 398-7300. P.O. Box 39709, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639.

<u>Arctic General Contracting</u> — Andy Boyle — Licensed. Bonded. Insured. Phone (907) 567-1057. E-mail: ajsupply@alaska.net

<u>Bull Moose Creations</u> — Shareen Bock, Owner. Quilting ,Embroidery, Crafts. P.O. Box 39136, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3954. E-mail: nuggets@acsalaska.net

Designs by Doris — Locally made & fine handcrafted beaded jewelry. (907) 567-3930

<u>Eric's Nets</u> — Build, repaired and store. Eric Kvasnikoff. 16030 Kwazi Street, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3408

<u>High Five Awards and Engraving</u> — Ray Bouwens. Truly memorable client service. 3307 Boniface Parkway, Lot 9A, Anchorage, AK 99504. Phone & Fax: (907) 337-1099. E-Mail: heapbiginjin@yahoo.com

<u>Jackson Enterprises</u> — Scott Jackson, Owner. Home heating oil. Delivery to Ninilchik area. Phone: 262-4159. Cell: 398-4157. Fax: 262-4130

Monitor VBS — Mark Vial, Owner. Heating Products — Oil, propane, wood, non-electric, sales & service. 1225 Lake Shore Drive, Homer, AK 99603. Phone: (907) 235-9394. Cell (907) 399-1972

<u>Mosquito Enterprises</u> — *Diddly Bows*, Greeting Cards, Wire Wrap Jewelry, Ivory Jewelry, Note Card Sets. Phone: (907) 235-2140. E-Mail: info@mosquito-enterprises.com

Poet of the Earth Art Studio & Gallery — P.O. Box 39362, Ninilchik, AK 99639.

(907) 567-3655 E-Mail: jsws@alaska.net

Quick Silver Truck and Auto Repair — Kirt Parkinson. Towing service and tire changeover/repair, computerized balancing machine. Snowplowing and sanding in the Anchor Point area. Licensed and insured. (907) 235-2197 (907) 299-0845

<u>Resource Development</u> — Box 39375, Ninilchik, AK 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3603. Fax: (907) 567-3530. E-Mail: rdc1@alaska.net

Forget Me Knot Quilting - Jennifer McGrady - 252-4662

<u>Torvald Hansen, Sales Associate, Five Star Realty</u>: 312 Tyee Street Soldotna, AK 99669 torvald@fivestarrealty.biz ~ Cell: 299-3317~Fax: 235–9507~Ofc: 262-2445

<u>Agrafena's Children ~ Book:</u> Orders can be placed at the online Ninilchik Bookstore: http://www.lulu.com/ninilchik

<u>"TEEN ANGST"</u> the new book by author and NTC Tribal Member Krista Rose Leman is now available for direct order. To order visit the following websites: <u>www.amazon.com</u>, <u>www.barnesandnoble.com</u>, <u>www.e-booktime.com</u>, or <u>www.forbesbooks.com</u> and enter ISBN 1-59824-199-0, or do an author search for Krista Rose Leman.

## **Tribal Services Department**

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# Ninilchik Traditional Council's Early Learning Program

# Focusing on the Arts

Every Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 19, 2006

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

At NTC's Subsistence Building

(Up the hill across from Ninilchik School)

Ages 3 – 5 years

(Must be potty trained or parents must stay with their child)

Home School Students Welcome

For additional information call:

NTC Tribal Services Department

567-3313

We are most fortunate to have Susan Welsh-Smith as our teacher.

She is a certified teacher with a Masters in Education, Early Childhood and Special Education, who also has her Bachelor Degree in

Art Education. We are so lucky to have her teach our youngsters.

She has wonderful plans for an exciting year.

Susan will also be teaching art to all elementary students at Ninilchik School on Wednesday afternoons throughout the school year.



Ninilchik Traditional Council P.O. Box 39070 Ninilchik, AK 99639

# September 2006

#### **Change Of Address Form**

Name:	
New Address:	
	Date of Birth:
	Phone Number:
Parent or Sponsor for the following tribal members:	
	New name:
tificate or divorce decree).	
Signature (of Tribal member or Parent/Spouse)	Date

Is your address current? Tribal member address changes must be submitted in writing to the NTC Enrollment Office in order to assure that the distribution of pertinent information can be sent to the correct address. The Enrollment Officer or other staff may not modify an enrollment file in any fashion even if it is known that the file may not be up to date.